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PORTLAND'S EXPERIENCE WITH SHORT-BALLOT GOVERNMENT.

Mayor Albee, of Portland, Oregon, writing to the Star-Bulletin of the success of commission government in his city, says of the "recall":

"As to the question of adopting your charter without the recall feature, I would say that it depends much on local conditions. Personally, I believe in the recall as a safeguard against possible situations that might develop anywhere; it cannot be harmful to the honest official, provided it be so framed as to be fair to all, but I should suggest that your recall law, no matter when incorporated, be given great and careful study to the end that it shall be so construed as to be only what it is intended to be—an emergency measure for the protection of the people against possible frauds in office."

He points out as evils to be guarded against the following:

Allowing recall petitions to be filed long after the signatures on them were secured; in other words, holding the petitions as a club over the heads of officials.

Allowing signatures to petitions of those not registered, making it almost impossible to check fraudulent signing.

Allowing a comparatively small number of signatures to force a recall election.

It is significant, however, that though Mayor Albee frankly states that the recall plan has been invoked against him by disgruntled politicians and others, he does not believe the recall itself is an evil provision. He does insist that it should be so surrounded by restrictions that its use is possible only in times of real emergency, when a very large part of the voters are roused to oust a thoroughly incompetent or corrupt official.

Of the initiative and referendum he says that in Portland measures presented by these methods are voted on only at regular elections. Thus the expense and annoyance of special elections are avoided.

The Star-Bulletin is not inclined to favor the initiative and referendum here except as emergency plans. Honolulu's voting population is not as advanced as Portland's. Oregon is admittedly the leader of all the states in so-called progressive governmental methods. The Oregon voter is used to handling a ballot containing many public measures calling for a favorable or adverse vote. In Honolulu a ballot loaded down with legislative propositions would confuse the majority of voters and distract attention from the men running for office. The Star-Bulletin shares the opinion of many students of municipal government here in thinking that what we need is more attention paid to men—to their ability, character and unselfishness. If good men are elected to the city's legislative body, whether it be a board of supervisors or a commission, they will care for measures far better than can the voter at the polls. Platforms will pledge them beforehand in favor of carrying out the big things necessary, and the small things have no place in the initiative and referendum. Furthermore, in Honolulu particularly it will be difficult to get good men into the legislative positions if the important measures must generally be voted on by the people and perhaps beaten by prejudice or partisan politics.

Mayor Albee touches the heart of the whole matter in his closing paragraph. He says:

"Commission government in Portland is working very well, as I view it; and it is a plan which brings the people into closer touch with their officials. Of course, much depends upon the construction of a charter, but generally speaking it is a big step in advance. The mere adoption of a new form, however, will not remedy all of the evils that beset a city; once having your governmental form, your most important work will be the selection of honest, competent and fearless officials to administer the same."

And that is obviously correct—so obviously that sometimes it will be forgotten.

Acting Director Taylor of the Promotion Committee is sending Hawaii literature to mainland newlyweds, hoping to broaden the Honeymoon Trail across the ocean. He might draw attention to the fact that Cupid we have always with us.

The park commissioner of Topeka, Kansas, is said to be conducting a municipal polecat farm, and trying to produce an odorless variety of that interesting animal. That's a bigger job than Burbank ever tackled.—San Francisco Star.

Democrats are still playing in luck. The country is going to produce its bumper wheat crop.

Billy Sunday's coming. Recent events suggest that he's needed.

NOT POLITICS BUT PERSONAL MERIT.

City Attorney Arthur M. Brown has taken office with the avowed intention of giving Honolulu the best administration in his power. It is a distinct evidence of his good faith and a credit to his intentions that he has chosen as his first and second deputies two hustling young attorneys who by no stretch of imagination can be classed as possessing a political pull. They are chosen for character, zeal, interest and sound training, and these qualifications should weigh considerably more than their comparative inexperience.

Of Mr. A. M. Cristy, the first deputy, the Star-Bulletin is able to say that he was available because both he and the firm with which he has been connected—Frear, Prosser, Anderson & Marx—felt that an opportunity for public service was given him by the city attorney's offer. This quite as much as the professional attractions operated to secure his consent. He comes with splendid recommendations and his youth is no argument against him.

Mr. W. T. Carden, whose appointment was announced yesterday, is a "Honolulu boy." He is one who has made good in his school and college work and whose making good has been an example to other Honolulu boys. Like Mr. Cristy, he is somewhat inexperienced but it is much better to have eager, hard-working inexperience than jaded, cynical experience in the city and county attorney's department.

No office in the city and few if any in the territory offer more consistent and frequent opportunities for real usefulness to the public than does this of the city attorney. To make the office feared by the evil-doer, respected and relied upon by the honest citizen; to promote equal justice and fearless prosecution; to advise and counsel the city in its vital undertakings—these are aims that may well call forth the best energies of Mr. Brown and his associates.

GEORGE HAMLIN FITCH.

George Hamlin Fitch, veteran newspaperman of San Francisco, whose death is reported in the overnight press despatches, will be well and favorably remembered in Honolulu. He visited this city and made a tour of the Territory about eighteen months ago. While here Mr. Fitch contributed a number of interesting travel articles to the Star-Bulletin and upon his return to the mainland he arranged for an additional chapter to his two "travel books," "The Critic in the Orient" and "The Critic in the Occident" dealing exclusively with Hawaii. He also gave to Hawaii considerable publicity on the mainland and was one of the very good friends of this territory on the coast.

The death of Mr. Fitch will prove a severe shock to his numerous friends throughout the entire United States and even in many remote corners of the world. With his passing journalism has lost one of its cornerstones. For the past thirty-five years he had been associated with the San Francisco Chronicle, having reached the coast a few years after his graduation from Cornell and following a short journalistic apprenticeship in eastern New York state.

During his long and faithful service on the San Francisco newspaper he occupied the position of news editor and literary reviewer, his reviews of current literature being considered the equal of any of his contemporaries. As a matter of fact Mr. Fitch was probably the dean of literary critics in the United States at the time of his retirement from active journalism a few months ago. This retirement came only after his health had become impaired through the many strenuous years in harness and it is undoubtedly true that the vigor which he threw into all of his undertakings had much to do with his untimely death.

Aside from his active newspaper work Mr. Fitch found time to add several standard works to the literature of America. He also enjoyed the honor of being one of the several editors of the Call-Examiner-Chronicle published in Oakland the morning following the earthquake and fire in San Francisco.

Secretary Daniels will help celebrate Pineapple Day. Isn't there a cruiser or something that can be launched with the crash of a bottle of Pineectar across the bows?

Bulgaria and Rumania evidently prefer the price of peace to the price of war.

Great Northern steamship service as a tourist asset for Hawaii sounds better and better.

WHO'S WHO ON MANOA

B. Y. JACOBSEN returned today from a business and pleasure trip to the Pacific coast.

MISS OVILLA NASH arrived in this city today to be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Westcott.

MISS O. K. FRANCA returned in the steamer Manoa from a vacation spent in central and southern California.

MRS. SEELY I. SHAW has completed an extended visit to the Pacific coast. Mrs. Shaw was a passenger in the steamer Manoa.

GEORGE C. POORE, a returned Southern California businessman, was numbered with the arrivals in the steamer Manoa today.

MISS ESTHER WHITE returned today in the Matson steamer Manoa from a visit to California and the Panama-Pacific exposition.

A. WATERHOUSE, J. Waterhouse and Richard Waterhouse, sons of John Waterhouse, returned from the Coast today, accompanied by Miss L. McKay.

R. A. GOULD was a passenger in the Matson steamer Manoa today. He will become identified with one of the large pineapple canneries on this island.

MISS L. WAGNER, who has been appointed a teacher in the public schools on Maui, returned from Southern California in the steamer Manoa this morning.

S. S. PAXSON and Mrs. Paxson returned from an extended visit to the Coast and the Panama-Pacific exposition in the Matson Navigation steamer Manoa today.

CHARLES A. McWAYNE is back from a vacation trip to the Pacific coast. In addition to "doing" the exposition he continued his journey to Southern California.

PHIL B. DANKY of the Star-Bulletin staff returned to Honolulu this morning on the Manoa, after a short trip to San Francisco, Bakersfield and other California points.

SENATOR F. H. BENSON, from Southern California, and Mrs. Benson were arrivals at Honolulu today for a fortnight's tour of the islands. They plan to visit the volcano.

V. D. SCHUTTE, a resident of the island of Hawaii, returned from a month spent on the mainland today. He visited the exposition and other attractions along the Pacific slope.

MISS EDNA LASCHUM, a pretty Chicago girl, arrived in the Matson steamer Manoa this morning to become the bride of a member of the executive staff of the United States submarine F-3.

GEORGE WELLS, a passenger in the steamer Manoa, visited the leading automobile manufacturing centers along the west coast of the mainland in search of late novelties in motor transportation.

H. I. PITCHFORD, an expert in the cultivation and preparation of pineapples, will become identified with the industry in the islands. Mrs. Pitchford and two sons will make their home in this city.

J. E. SCHERMERHORN, accompanied by a valet and chauffeur, will remain several weeks in the islands to complete a tour to points of interest before continuing the journey to the Far East and Australia.

W. H. WAKELEY, a pioneer businessman from Pasadena, Cal., the owner of extensive mining properties throughout Southern California, will spend several months in the islands in search of rest and recreation.

MRS. J. D. CARUTH is a passenger in the Matson liner Manoa, who will join the United States army transport at Honolulu for the Philippines. Mrs. Caruth will visit her mother, who resides at an army post near Manila.

N. G. NIBLOCK, identified with a leading newspaper in Oklahoma, is a visitor to the islands in the Matson steamer Manoa. With Mrs. Niblock and Miss Ida Niblock he will visit the volcano and other points of interest.

CHRISTOPHER LEWIS of the Bishop Trust Company returned to Honolulu today with a bride. He wedded Miss Muriel Canady, a popular society girl of Kansas City, the latter part of July. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were passengers in the Matson steamer Manoa. They will make their home at Waikiki.

OSCAR SCHMIDT, identified with a large New York importing house with branches in Europe and the Far East, will spend three weeks in touring the islands. He may return to the east.

Personal Mention

A. GARTLEY returned from the Big Island today.

J. W. WALDRON returned from the Big Island in the Mauna Kea today.

ST. C. SAYERS was a returning passenger from Hilo on the Mauna Kea today.

BEN KAHALEPUNA, clerk in Circuit Judge Stuart's court, began his annual vacation today.

SOLOMON MEHELUA, deputy clerk in Circuit Judge Stuart's court, returned to Honolulu yesterday from a two weeks' vacation.

THOMAS B. STUART, third judge of the local circuit court, has returned from a vacation spent on Windward Oahu.

JOHN C. POOLE of the Star-Bulletin art department and Mrs. Poole are planning a 15-day camping and hiking trip on Kauai.

MISS VIRGINIA RAPHAEL was to leave for the coast in the Mongolia this afternoon, accompanied by her mother. She will spend a year in California.

Y. SOGA, editor of the Nippu Jiji, returned this morning from a visit to coast cities. Mr. Soga attended both the San Francisco and the San Diego expositions.

DR. W. H. WELCH, noted pathologist of Johns Hopkins University, returned from a visit on Maui today. He leaves for the Orient on the Tenyo Maru Friday.

LEW G. HENDERSON was to leave for the mainland in the steamer Mongolia this afternoon for a three months' visit to San Francisco and his home in Philadelphia.

CHARLES R. FORBES, superintendent of public works and chairman of the harbor board, will leave for Kauai in the steamer Kinai a week from today to examine the work on the Waimea river embankment and the new Waimea wharf.

MALFORD H. DRUMMOND, territorial deputy bank examiner, has returned to Honolulu from Hilo, where he examined the bank and books of the county of Hawaii. Mr. Drummond will next inspect Maui and Kauai. He has completed the Oahu inspection.

HOWARD H. SPAULDING, JR., and Mrs. Spaulding, who was Miss Catherine Barker, the \$30,000,000 heiress, passed through Chicago on August 1 bound for San Francisco to see the fair, after which they will come to Hawaii to spend their honeymoon.

coast of the United States by the way of Australia.

HARRY HOLT was a returning passenger on the Matson liner Manoa this morning. He had been to Seattle, where he attended the Shriner's convocation as one of the Aloha Patrol.

MAXWELL O. JOHNSON arrived at Honolulu to take up his duties as expert at the federal government experiment station. Mr. Johnson was married to a popular San Jose society girl before the sailing of the steamer Manoa for Honolulu.

WILLIAM H. SMITH of the Manufacturers' Shoe Company surprised his friends this morning by presenting Mrs. Smith, a bride of a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Smith made up a party of honeymooners who arrived in this city in the steamer Manoa.

C. D. LEFFERTS, a prominent lemon grower in Southern California, and Mrs. Lefferts were among the arrivals in the Matson Navigation steamer Manoa. They will visit Hawaii and the volcano before returning to the Coast the early part of September.

SAMUEL L. MOORE and Mrs. Moore of Elizabeth, N. J., passengers in the Matson steamer Manoa, will make an extensive tour of the islands before returning to the Coast, where they will complete an inspection of the Panama-Pacific exposition.

P. A. McCaughey and wife were numbered with the quartet of honeymoon couples who arrived at Honolulu this morning in the Matson liner Manoa. Mr. McCaughey will join the staff of McKinley high school as instructor in mathematics and track athletics.

Five men were lost when the Pacific Cable schooner Starth was wrecked off Suva, Fiji Islands.

An increase of 10 per cent in wages granted by the Jellico Coal Co., in Bell county, Ky., ended a strike at all its mines.

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1704 King St.	2 "	30.00
Cor. Kamehameha Ave. and Manoa	2 "	40.00
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1313 Makiki St.	3 "	30.00
1205 Wilhelmina Rise, Kaimuki	3 "	25.00
770 Kinai St.	4 "	32.50
1339 Wilder Ave.	4 "	40.00
1877 Kalakaua Ave.	3 "	20.00
1317 Makiki St.	3 "	25.00
2144 Lanikuli Drive, Manoa	2 "	40.00
2130 Kamehameha Ave., Manoa	3 "	40.00
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Kewalo St.	3 "	40.00
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